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## ISSUES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PRESS IN 1800-'01-'02.

By A. P. C. GRIFFIN.

*Chief Bibliographer, Library of Congress.*

(Read before the Society January 8, 1900.)

The names of seven printing and publishing concerns are found upon the title-pages of books or pamphlets printed in Washington from 1800 to 1802. They are: Samuel Harrison Smith, New Jersey Avenue, near the Capitol; Rapine, Conrad & Co., near South B Street and New Jersey Avenue, near the Capitol; The Washington Printing and Bookselling Company located at Franklin's Head (also called "The Cabinet Office," "The Franklin Press"); Way and Groff, North E Street, near the Post-office; William Duane, Pennsylvania Avenue; William Ross, whose location is unknown. To this list may be added, Day and Hancock; James Doyle and Green and English, all of Georgetown. The last name is found upon a Journal of the House printed in 1800. The publishers of that day evidently expected the sparsely settled town of Washington immediately to blossom into a teeming metropolis. The Washington printing and bookselling company declared in its prospectus that "perhaps a greater field was never opened in America for an early and lucrative extension of these pursuits than now presents itself to the enterprising adventurers in the District of Columbia, and no business is more profitable."

Despite these glowing prospects, we of the present day know that however great the glories that cluster about our capital, it has never become famous as a publishing center. The earliest date found upon an imprint of the District so far as discovered is 1791 :

TWO SERMONS  
ON THE  
CERTAIN AND FINAL  
PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.

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BY  
STEPHEN BLOOMER BALCH, A.M.  
PASTOR  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION,  
GEORGE-TOWN.

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PSALM XCII. 12.  
The Righteous Shall Flourish Like A  
Palm-Tree; He Shall Grow Like  
A Cedar in Lebanon.

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GEORGE-TOWN: Printed for the AUTHOR, by  
M. DAY and W. HANCOCK,  
M,DCC,XCI.

In 1792 we find two books both printed by James Doyle :

THE  
POTOMAK  
ALMANAC  
  
OR, THE  
WASHINGTON  
EPHEMERIS,

For the year of our Lord

1793,

Being the first year after leap-year.

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NOTE.—The Astronomical part of this work is adapted to the Latitude and Meridian of the City of Washington ;—but will, without sensible error, serve the neighboring States.

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GEORGE-TOWN, (POTOMAK)  
PRINTED AND SOLD BY JAMES DOYLE.  
(40) pp. 16°.

In the preface this editor says :

“ The POTOMAK ALMANAC, or, The Washington Ephemeris, for the first time, now solicits the patronage and encouragement of an enlightened public.—Great care has been taken in the Astronomical part, which may be relied on for its accuracy; and being adapted to the meridian and latitude of the New Federal City, may serve for Virginia, Maryland, and the adjacent States.”

The contents embrace, in addition to this calendar, court records, etc. : A letter from the Alleghany philosopher, dated Log-Hall, August 26, 1792, which contains the following description of the proposed Federal City :

“ The City of Washington is laid out on the East side of the Potomak, and extends from Rock Creek to the Eastern Branch. It will be in length about three miles and a half, and in breadth about two and a half. The Country very healthy, and the water excellent. The distribution of the City into squares is effected by the streets running north and south; and East and West; which may be considered as the ground work of the plant: but, for beauty and convenience, there are a number of diagonal avenues, leading to the sites, intended for the President's House and Capitol, and some others leading from one particular place to another. These diagonals are generally one hundred and sixty feet wide, the other streets from eighty to one hundred and twelve feet wide. You must not expect a description of the present state of the work, it being in a great variety of detached pieces. The Potomak is a fine river; it heads in the Allegany mountains, and part of the country through which it runs, is remarkable for its fertility. The canals with the locks and dams, at the big and little falls, will probably be compleated next year, by which means this river will be rendered navigable from the ocean almost to its source. The head branches of the Potomak pass through immense beds of excellent stone, or fossil coal. The Eastern Branch may justly be considered as one of the safest harbours in the United States. While contemplating on these various objects, I could not forbear exclaiming in the language of the elegant Thompson :

“ ‘ Heavens! what a goodly prospect spreads around,  
Of hills and dales and woods and flow’ry lawns.  
Happy Columbia!—where Liberty abroad  
Walks unconfin’d, even to thy farthest cots,  
And scatters plenty with unsparing hand.’—

“ And here, I would mention a fortunate circumstance which afforded me the highest pleasure. While I was visiting the habitation of my old friend, Mr. A. Ellicott (a few years since employed in surveying the Western boundaries), I got a sight of our great and good President, who was riding over the district intended for the New City. He appeared in perfect health and very happy in surveying the preparations, now making on this favored spot, which will one day become an Emporium of vast consequence to this Western Empire.”

# PIOUS GUIDE

TO

PRAYER

AND

DEVOTION

CONTAINING

Various practices calculated to answer the various  
demands of the different devout  
members of the

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

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Let my prayer be directed as incense in thy sight.

Psalm 140 v. 2.

PERMISSU SUPERIORUM

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GEORGE-TOWN: (POTOWMACK)

PRINTED BY JAMES DOYLE.

M. DCC. XCII.

The earliest Washington imprint I have discovered is  
“The Grecian History.”

THE GRECIAN HISTORY

FROM THE EARLIEST STATE

TO THE

DEATH OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT.

BY DR. GOLDSMITH.

Two volumes in one.

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WASHINGTON:

PRINTED FOR MATHEW CAREY.

No. 118 Market Street, Philadelphia.

Sept. 24, 1800.

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18°.

Although the title-page gives Washington as the place of publication, the pamphlet is undoubtedly the work of the Philadelphia Press, as Carey for whom it was printed never published in this city.

Under date of November, 1800, we find a pamphlet  
which might be classed as a government document :

AN  
ORIGINAL AND CORRECT LIST  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES NAVY  
CONTAINING  
A List of the Ships in Commission, and their  
respective Force.  
A List of Officers and their Rank, as well those belonging  
to the Navy as the Marine Corps.  
AND A DIGEST  
Of the Principal Laws relating to the Navy,  
etc., etc., etc.  

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BY CHARLES W. GOLDSBOROUGH.  

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City of Washington, November, 1800.  

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Copyright secured according to Law.  
(32) pp.



The next imprint to come under notice is a pamphlet of particular interest as being a discussion of the proposed form of Government for the District. The pamphlet bears no date, but there are reasons for assigning it to the year 1800. "Enquiries into the Necessity or Expediency of assuming exclusive legislation over the District of Columbia. By a Private Citizen of the District. From the Cabinet Office." 27 pp. 16°.

Augustus B. Woodward in No. 5 of his *Considerations on the Government of the Territory*, under date of January 15, 1801, speaks of the work as having been some time previously printed. The issues of the Washington Press for 1801 begin with Woodward's "Considerations of the Government of the Territory of Columbia."

The writings of Woodward on the government form a series of seven pamphlets. The first four numbers were issued in a single pamphlet under the title:

"Considerations on the Government of the Territory of Columbia: as they recently appeared in the *National Intelligencer* under the signature of Epaminondas. (Nos. 1-4.) Washington, Metropolis of the United States. Printed for the author. By Samuel Harrison Smith, New Jersey Avenue, near the Capitol. MDCCCI." 19 pp. Sm. 4°.

The articles first appeared in the *National Intelligencer* of December 24, 25, 27, and 31, 1800, respectively. The fifth number was issued at Georgetown:

EPAMINONDAS

ON THE  
GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
TERRITORY

OF  
COLUMBIA.

No. V.

(A. Woodward.)

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Being a Review on the Same Subject, by a Private Citizen.

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GEORGE-TOWN.  
TERRITORY OF COLUMBIA:  
PRINTED BY GREEN AND ENGLISH.  
MDCCCI.

13 pp.

The sixth number I have not seen ; the seventh was published at Alexandria in 1801 :

CONSIDERATIONS  
ON THE  
GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
TERRITORY OF COLUMBIA.  
BY AUGUSTUS B. WOODWARD.

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No. VII.

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*Jamque ascendebant collem, qui plurimus urbi  
Imminet, adversasque aspectat desuper arces.  
Miratur molem Æneas, magalia quondam ;  
Miratur portas, strepitumque, ac strata viarum.  
Instant ardentes Tyrii: pars ducere muros.  
Molirique arcem, et munibus subvolvere saxa ;  
Pars aptare locum tectis, et concludere sulco.  
Jura, magistratusque legunt, sanctumque senatum.  
" O fortunati, quorum jum maenia surgunt ! "*

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ALEXANDRIA,  
TERRITORY OF COLUMBIA:

Printed by S. Snowden & Co.—Sold by Rapine and by *Stickney, Washington*, and *Bishop, Alexandria*, where the previous numbers may be procured.

January, 1802. 121 pp.

The *National Intelligencer* of January 9, 1801, contains an advertisement by Rapine, Conrad & Co., announcing the publication :

THIS DAY IS PUBLISHED.

To be Sold at the Office of the National Intelligencer, and at Rapine, Conrad & Co., Book-store-price 25 cents—Also at Michael Robert's Book-store, George Town, and by the Editor of the Times, Alexandria.

CONSIDERATIONS,

ON THE

GOVERNMENT

OF THE

TERRITORY OF COLUMBIA

as they recently appeared in the *National Intelligencer* under the Signature of Epaminondas.

January 5, 1800.

Under date of January 12, 1801, we find a prospectus of several works as follows :

THIS DAY IS PUBLISHED

BY

RAPINE, CONRAD & Co.,

AT THE WASHINGTON BOOK STORE,

CORNER OF SOUTH B. STREET AND NEW JERSEY

AVENUE, NEAR THE CAPITOL.

THE WASHINGTON REPOSITORY FOR

THE YEAR 1801.

Containing, an Almanac—a bill to establish an uniform system of Bankruptcy throughout the United States—Abstract of the revenue law, list of duties, tonnage, drawbacks and bounties, custom house fees &c. an act to establish a general stamp office, with a list of stamp duties, an act to value property, an act to lay a direct tax, &c.—Offices of the revenue, governments of the U. States.—list of congress, department of state, Treasury, War, Navy, and Judiciary, with an account of what is important in each.—Post office establishment, with times of receiving and closing the Males at Baltimore,—Ministers, Consuls, &c. to and from the U. States—Government of the State, of Maryland, with a list of the General Assembly. An account of the corporation of the city of Baltimore, with a list of officers, Banks, Insurance company, &c. in ditto, and a variety of other useful matter. Price neatly bound in the form of a Pocketbook, 75 cents.

Speed the plough, a comedy in five acts, as performed at the theatre royal covent garden; and now performing with universal applause, at the new theatre Philadelphia.—By Thomas Morton, Esq. author of “a cure for the Heart Ache, Way to get Married ” &c. &c.—price 25 cents.

An impartial review of the rise and progress of controversy between parties known by the names of **FEDERALISTS**, and **REPUBLICANS**, containing an investigation of the radical cause of division; and of some of the subordinate and auxiliary causes which have been instrumental in enlarging the breach, and inflaming the minds of partizans. In a series of letters from a Partaker in the American revolution to a junior citizen.—price 31 cents.

R. C. & Co. Have just received a general assortment of Books in every department of literature, which they will dispose of on the very lowest terms. Jan. 7, 1801.

The same paper of January 14, has the following :

PROSPECTUS

OF A NEW, WEEKLY, LITERARY, PUBLICATION :

ENTITLED,

CHILD OF PALLAS :

DEVOTED MOSTLY TO THE

BELLES LETTRES.

BY CHARLES PRENTISS.

Quid sit pulchrum, quid turpe, quid utile,  
quid non, docet.

HORACE.

To the promoters of literature, and the promoters of useful and rational entertainment.

To you this child of expectation looks up anxiously for the indulgent smiles of encouragement and support.

As modesty well becomes the infancy of a life which she hopes will be long, pleasant, and useful, it were unnecessary to prejudice friends in her favor, by faithless declarations of future performances: to the discerning therefore it will be only proper to observe, that, added to her personal decency of garb, she hopes her intellectual accomplishments will be such as to engage general favor and esteem.

She engages not to the tell tale of slander, or of individual reflections. Her disposition will be innocent; and in the exercise of candor to others, she presumes that by them the mantle of charity will be kindly thrown over any foibles or blemishes, which may inadvertently arise from her youth and inexperience, Her countenance will be sometimes overcast with anger and the indignant frowns, when combating the inauspicious aspect of

vice, the baneful force of fashionable crime, and the menacing weapons of wickedness of every shape. On the trifling or immoral whims of crazy custom, she will occasionally throw a smile of beneficial effect, and not unfrequently occasion a merry but useful laugh.

Happy in using her little utmost to render more firm the pillars of government and supporters of society, of the sacred and lovely charms of religion and virtue, whose separate existence she deems incomparable, she will be a constant admirer and warm advocate.

She has no creed in politics, and with her opinions on that subject, she is determined never to trouble the reader.

To the Fair, who justly claim, and will ever receive her fervent considerations of esteem and affection, she hopes to become a little closet confidant, a much loved friend and adopted sister. To many a pretty tale she will cause them to listen, and while amusing the fancy, slyly convey the moral to the heart.

Sensible of the unfavorable reception which has constantly attended similar attempts, heretofore, in America, she trembles with fearful apprehensions, lest she, like her predecessors, should be left to pine away a short existence in the cold and distant valley of unanxious neglect, or, having suffered for a time the rude blasts of uncandid criticism and severe reproach, without a parent or friend, die at last the hapless infant of abortive presumption: but, animated with perhaps an inconsiderate hope, she looks forward to the days of strength and respect, from the guardian attention and assiduity of

#### THE EDITOR.

You hear the plea; it is made to discerning and liberal citizens, who cannot but be sensible of the many advantages resulting from a publication of this nature; if it inculcate principles of virtue; if it mingle improvement with amusement and moral lessons with entertainment. The parent must be sensible that works of this kind are always perused with avidity by the younger branches of a family; let him not then neglect every favorable opportunity of giving them instruction in the gratification of their wills.

Of stale or insipid extracts, it is presumed the reader will never complain. One-half at least, of every week's publication shall be original matter. With political transactions it will have no other connection, than a short and impartial summary of events in the last page.

The sons and daughters of Appollo, gentlemen of talents, learning and leisure, are respectfully invited, to make it the repository of their various lucubrations.

#### CONDITIONS.

I. The price to subscribers will be one Dollar per volume; to be paid at the close of every eighth week.

II. Each volume, to consist of eight numbers, or 288 pages.

III. Postmasters and others, who subscribe for six, shall be entitled to a seventh gratis.

January 13, 1801.

The work came out from Baltimore. I have found no copy with a Washington imprint.

The *Intelligencer* of April 15, 1801, contains a prospectus of a notable undertaking:

#### LITERARY NOTICE.

Preparations are making to republish, in an elegant style, by subscription, in the course of the ensuing summer in the city of Washington, all the political and literary works of WILLIAM GOODWIN—in convenient duodecimo volumes, handsomely bound, at one dollar a volume. It is not exactly known how many volumes will comprise the work; but a set of definite proposals will soon be published.

I can find no evidence that the plan was carried out. Perhaps the Washington people of that time had no sympathy with the advanced views of Godwin.



In the *Intelligencer* of August 14 is found the following :

TO THE PUBLIC.

“Knowledge,” said Lord Bacon, “is power;” it is likewise happiness, and it has been a subject of regret, with those who wish to see this kind of happiness disseminated and the minds of ALL the citizens of these states inspired with this power, that no efforts are made, or encouragement given, for manufacturing books at the seat of government; that there is not south of Pennsylvania, any extensive manufactory of paper or books; these articles, great as the consumption is, are nearly all imported from Europe or the eastern states, while the means for manufacturing them, with which every country abounds, are wholly neglected here.

Since the removal of the government to the City of Washington, the consumption and demand for paper in the district of Columbia, is supposed to be more than would be produced by ten ordinary paper mills, while there is not one within forty miles of it.

The printed books for sale south and west of this place might be manufactured here, with more convenience than at any other place south or west of it. In short, perhaps a greater field was never opened in America, for an early and lucrative extension of these pursuits, than now presents itself to the enterprising adventurers in the district of Columbia. And no business is more profitable.

Governed by these considerations, and stimulated by a desire to render Washington City as well the seat of literature as of government, a number of gentlemen have formed themselves into a “PRINTING AND BOOKSELLING COMPANY.” To be governed by the following rules, till by experience, it shall be found necessary to add to, alter, or abridge them; the power for which purpose is vested in the stockholders.

(Followed by the Constitution of the Company.)

The only results of this hopeful announcement that I have been able to find are a periodical entitled “The National Magazine, or Cabinet of the United States,” which

48     *Records of the Columbia Historical Society.*

passed through\* eight numbers in October and November,  
1801, and a pamphlet entitled :

ENQUIRIES  
INTO  
THE NECESSITY OR EXPEDIENCY  
OF  
ASSUMING  
EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATION  
OVER  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA :  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN OF THE DISTRICT.

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FROM THE CABINET OFFICE.

[1800.]

27 PP.

16°.

The approximate date of this publication is indicated by  
the following note copied from number 5 of Woodward's  
series :

\*I have seen only Nos. 3-7.

“ CONSIDERATIONS, &c.

“ Since writing the previous numbers on the Government of the  
‘Territory of Columbia, I have met with a production, entitled  
‘Enquiries into the necessity or expediency of assuming exclu-  
‘sive legislation over the District of Columbia; respectfully  
‘submitted to the Members of Congress; by a private citizen of  
‘the District.’

‘CITY OF WASHINGTON, January 15, 1801.’

From

EPAMINONDAS

ON THE

GOVERNMENT

OF THE

TERRITORY

OF

COLUMBIA.

No. V.

BEING A REVIEW OF A WORK OF THE SAME  
SUBJECT, BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN.

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GEORGE-TOWN,

TERRITORY OF COLUMBIA:

PRINTED BY GREEN AND ENGLISH.

MDCCCI.

The *National Magazine* appears to have been issued without title-page. The Library of Congress has numbers 3, 5, 6 in the original covers, and numbers 6-8 without the covers, bound with other pamphlets in a volume.

Among the Duane pamphlets is a copy of the third number with a preliminary leaf, the first page of which reads :

Thursday, Nov. 19, 1801.

THIS DAY IS PUBLISHED,

No. III, OF THE

NATIONAL MAGAZINE;

OR,

CABINET OF THE UNITED STATES.

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This is a publication of the Washington Printing and Bookselling Company; and the following is the Constitution of the Association :

CONSTITUTION.

The issue of this magazine for November 19, 1801, contains the following among its "Literary Notices": "A volume of select and fugitive poetry. By the Editor of Magazine."

This work appeared with the following title :

SELECT AND FUGITIVE  
POETRY.

A COMPILATION :

WITH NOTES.

BY RICHARD DINMORE.

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WASHINGTON CITY :

PRINTED AT THE FRANKLIN PRESS.

1802.

288 pp.

12°.

The above identifies Dinmore as the editor of the *National Magazine* and also shows the identity of the Washington Printing and Bookselling Company and the Franklin Press.

The volume is a compilation of ordinary merit containing selections from the best known English poets interspersed with some productions of native poets. I notice one by a local poet on "Whisky"; the editor says, "The author of the following lines (which were never before published) is a citizen of Washington, and a friend of the editor's."

In December, 1801, W. Duane, of Philadelphia, came to this city with a printing equipment and a stack of books, as appears from the following advertisement:

PRINTING OFFICE.

BOOKSELLING & STATIONARY STORE.

Just opened

BY WILLIAM DUANE,

In the Pennsylvania Avenue,

A HANDSOME miscellaneous assortment of books, among which are several of the latest of the European publications, novels, and political pamphlets—Among the novels are the following;

Abbess—by Iteland	Caroline of Litchfield,
A Tale of the Times,	Count de Nevini,
Angelina,	Constrast,
Audley Fortescue,	Generosity,
Arthur Mervin,	Edward,
Alexis,	Girl of the Mountains,
Belintia,	Gonzalvo of Cordova,
Bellville Lodge,	House of Tinian,
Camilla,	Henry of Northumb'd,
Castle Rackrent,	Infernal Quixote,

Joseph Andrews,	Tales of the Abbey,
Nocturnal Visit,	Tales of Wonder,
Montalbert,	Paul and Virginia,
Marchmont,	Vicar of Wakefield,
Mordaunt,	Plain Sense,
Baron Mnuhausen,	Rival Mothers,
Polite Lady,	Rinaldo Rinaldeni,
Roderick Random,	Uncle Thomas,
Rebel,	Three Spaniards,
St? Leon,	Zeluco,

#### STATIONARY

Of every description, wholesale and retail,—PRINTING of every branch, executed in the best style, on types perfectly new, from the celebrated foundry of Binny and Ronaldson.

#### WILLIAM DUANE,

Has lately published new and beautiful editions of *The Vicar of Wakefield*, *The Sentimental Journal*, *Paul and Virginia*, translated by Miss Williams, from the French of St. Pierre, and

Has now in the press and will speedily be published, at the Aurora Book Stores, No. 106 Market Street Philadelphia; and square 469, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington City.

Saltzman's *Gymnastics*, or a Demonstration of the utility of Athletic Exercises in the Education of Youth, with a variety of beautiful illustrative plates; to which will be annexed the celebrated *Catechism of Health*, of Professor Faust—the whole translated from the German, and comprised in one volume octavo; beautifully printed.

Miner's *Philosophical and Historical Survey of the History of Man*, translated from the German and never before published in English. To be comprised in one volume, octavo; on superfine paper. This work is allowed by scientific men to be one of the most interesting and useful that has ever appeared. The mode of treating the subject is new, the manner perspicuous and entertaining, and the evidence of learning and research extraordinary.

*The Constitution of the United States*, comprehending the Constitution of Congress during the revolutionary period, the Federal Constitution of the United States, and of the several

states, with all the late amendments, including the amendments of the Constitution of New York, in October 1801. To which will be prefixed, a comparative Analysis of the several Constitutions which appear to interfere with the spirit of free government, and a display of the advantages possessed by the people under republican representative government, over all others. This edition will be ready for publication in February, 1802. Also early in the spring of 1802, will be published, the American Annual Register, for 1801.

Formed upon the British plan of publications of a similar title, but improved so as to form a complete Historical Repository of American affairs particularly,

Comprehending a general Political and Congressional History, written especially for the work—public state papers, original essays, and records of useful public works and discoveries—original poetry of merit—Biography, Literary History—Chronological Records of remarkable occurrences, &c.

By William Duane and Assistants.

It is intended in the historical department of the Register to review the American History retrospectively, from the establishment of the Federal government up to the close of the year 1801; and published in a separate department of the work, such valuable Tracts, as have yet no record but the fugitive pages of newspapers. The plan will be enlarged, should any judicious hints be conveyed by persons who may conceive the undertaking useful or important.

AN HISTORY OF THE

FRENCH REVOLUTION,

TO ITS CLOSE, MAKING THREE VOLUMES,

OCTAVO,

Should sufficient encouragement be given to the undertaking.

And in a few days will be published,

AN HISTORY

ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN ADAMS,

In one volume octavo.

Dec. 11, 1801.

Under date of February 16, 1801, the *National Intelligencer* announced the publication of :

“ Original pamphlet of Thomas Paine, printed from a manuscript copy of the Editor of the *National Intelligencer*.”

The following is a copy of the title-page :

COMPACT MARITIME,

UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADS :

- I. Dissertation on the Law of Nations.
- II. On the Jacobinism of the English at Sea.
- III. Compact Maritime for the Protection of Neutral Commerce, and Securing the Liberty of the Seas.
- IV. Observations on some Passages in the Discourse of the Judge of the English Admiralty.

BY THOMAS PAINE.

CITY OF WASHINGTON :

PRINTED BY SAMUEL HARRISON SMITH.

1801.

24 PP.



A notable production of the press of 1801 is a pamphlet entitled :

THOUGHTS  
ON THE  
INCREASING WEALTH  
AND  
NATIONAL ECONOMY  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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CITY OF WASHINGTON,  
PRINTED BY WAY AND GROFF, NORTH E STREET,  
NEAR THE POST-OFFICE,  
1801.  
40 pp.

This is a philosophical treatise discovering considerable knowledge of economic principles. The author was Samuel Blodget, whose services to the city are too well known to require special mention here. His learning is evidenced by quotations from Hume, Sir William Petty, Adam Smith and others. The work occupies a significant place in the bibliography of the economic literature of the United States. In 1806, the writer put forth a larger work entitled "Economics" which has been termed the first treatise of economics published in this country : but the present work seems to have prior fame.

We now come to a curious leaflet which reveals a sad state of affairs. From it we are made acquainted with the

fact that the struggle for political office was not of recent origin even among the clergy. The title page reads :

THE  
CLERICAL CANDIDATES.

A POEM.

"Are these the arts, which policy supplies?  
"Are these the steps by which grave churchmen rise?  
" Forbid it Heaven ; or, should it turn out so,  
" Let me, and mine, continue mean and low."

CHURCHILL.

Notandi sint tihi mores.

HOR.

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WASHINGTON CITY, NOV. 14, 1801.

32 pp.

8°.

This is a poetical skit, satirizing the scramble of clergymen for the positions of Chaplains of Congress.

The supplicants first unite in a general address to the Legislature, setting forth the blessings which might be derived from their spiritual ministrations.

The candidates then severally make their personal pleas. The first candidate is an Episcopal Bishop (Clagett). Then follow successively an Episcopalian, a Methodist, Freeman the Baptist, three Presbyterians, and finally Mr. A—the Millennialist.

The last-named is undoubtedly the Rev. David Austin, author of "National Barley Cake" mentioned elsewhere. The authorship of this poem has not been discovered ; but without any particular foundation for the idea, it may not be too venturesome to suggest that it was the performance of Richard Dinmore, editor of the *National Magazine*

and author of a volume of "Select and fugitive poetry" published in 1802.

The result of this unseemly contention may be read in the Journals of Congress of November 27, 1800, as follows:

"The members then returned to their chamber.

"A message from the Senate informed the House that the Senate have proceeded to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on their part, and the Right Reverend Bishop Clagett has been duly elected.

"The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress on the part of this House, and upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Rev. Thomas Lyell.

"Ordered, that the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith."

One of the candidates shortly after appeared in the papers with the following advertisement:

SUBSCRIPTION  
FOR THE PUBLICATION OF  
TWO DISCOURSES,  
DELIVERED AT THE TREASURY-OFFICE,  
CITY OF WASHINGTON.  
To Which will be Annexed,  
Three Numbers of a Prophetic Alphabet,

Serving as an index to certain hieroglyphical Characters and events on scriptural record—Designed to assist enquirers of the present day, in their introductory Researches after the mysteries of the great Supreme.

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"Out of Zion the perfection of beauty God hath shined"—

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases."—

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Dec. 7.

This work failed to materialize, but later the author succeeded in getting before the public with a pamphlet entitled :

THE NATIONAL "BARLEY CAKE,"

OR,

THE "ROCK OF OFFENCE."

INTO

A "GLORIOUS HOLY MOUNTAIN:"

IN

DISCOURSES AND LETTERS.

BY DAVID AUSTIN, A.M.

Late Resident Minister at Elizabeth-Town; Author of "The Downfall of Mystical Babylon;" Promoter of the "Concert in Prayer"; and to his own astonishment, and that of many others, struck in prophesy, under the style of the "Joshua" of the American Temple.

SUBMITTED.

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

PRINTED BY WAY AND GROFF, NORTH E STREET.

Jan. 14, A. D. 1802.

The writer of this curious theological and political medley was dismissed from the Presbyterian church in 1797, on account of his preaching the immediate second advent of Christ. His biographer says that "after recovering from his delusions, he was installed in 1815 as pastor at Bozrah, Connecticut." "The National Barley Cake" was evidently written while the author was under the dominion of his delusions.

*Griffin: Issues of the Press in 1800-1802.* 59

Another interesting Washington imprint of 1801 is ;

LETTERS  
TO THE  
INHABITANTS  
OF  
NORTHUMBERLAND  
AND  
ITS NEIGHBORHOOD,  
ON SUBJECTS INTERESTING TO THE AUTHOR, AND TO THEM.

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THE SECOND EDITION WITH ADDITIONS ;

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TO WHICH IS ADDED  
A Letter to a Friend in Paris, relating to Mr.  
Liancourt's travels in the North  
American States.

BY JOSEPH PRIESTLEY, L.L.D.F.R.S.&c.

Nunquamne reponam ?  
Juvenal.

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PHILADELPHIA :  
Printed by John Bioren,  
For John Conrad, & Co. N. 30 Chestnut street, M. & J. Conrad,  
& Co. No. 140 Market street, Baltimore, and  
Rapine, Conrad & Co.

WASHINGTON CITY.

1801.

(2), v, 96 pp. 8°.

The following advertisements are here inserted as illustrating the literary activities in 1801 :

THIS DAY IS PUBLISHED

BY

RAPINE, CONRAD, & Co.,

CORNER OF SOUTH B STREET AND NEW JERSEY

AVENUE NEAR THE CAPITOL,

(Price 37 and half cents)

THOUGHTS ON THE INCREASING WEALTH AND NATIONAL  
ECONOMY OF THE U. STATES OF AMERICA ;

With a statistical table for the United States, for a succession of years,  
compiled chiefly from official documents. [By Samuel Blodget.] Feb. 16.

From the *National Intelligencer*, Washington, Feb. 16, 1801

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

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HUGH SOMERVILLE,

Has lately received and is now ready to circulate, a large and valuable collection of

NOVELS, History, Romances, Voyages, Travels, &c. which will be lent out to read, by the week, month, quarter, or year, at his store and residence in a frame building, south side of the Pennsylvania Avenue, near the Hotel bridge and three new brick buildings, and the building now erecting for the city of Washington market-house, where the terms may be known, and attendance given from nine in the morning till one in the afternoon, and from two till four.

August 18.

From the *National Intelligencer*, Washington, August 19, 1801.

*Griffin: Issues of the Press in 1800-1802.* 61

THIS DAY IS PUBLISHED.

BY

RAPINE, CONRAD & Co.

Corner of south B street and New-Jersey Avenue,  
near the Capitol.

SELECT NOVELS, vols. 2d. & 3d.

Executed in a superior style and each volume containing two handsome engravings—Price to Subscribers, one dollar per volume.

Nocturnal Visit—A tale in two volumes by Maria Regina Roche, author of the Children of the Abbey, &C/&c.

Acts passed at the second session of the sixth Congress, began and held at the city of Washington, on Monday the 17th of November 1800.

Also just received.

A very handsome assortment of New Novels, of the first merit, with a good collection of Law, and miscellaneous History, and a very elegant assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Pocket-books, of various prices and qualities.

R. C. & C. Have always on hand a general assortment of stationary, such as writing and letter paper, quills, wafers, sealing wax, ink-powder, pen knives, plates, parchment, playing cards, blank and account books, inkstands and black lead pencils, &c. &c. All which they will sell at most moderate prices. Almanacs for the year 1802, just published.

Sept. 16, 1801.

Paper pub. Sept. 21, 1801.

JUST PUBLISHED

AND NOW SELLING BY

SAMUEL H. SMITH,

AND BY ALL THE BOOKSELLERS IN VIRGINIA,

PRICE 75 CENTS,

THE ANNUAL REGISTER OR THE VIRGINIA REPOSITORY,  
FOR THE YEAR 1800.

“The Advantages of History are of three kinds—it amuses the fancy,  
it improves the understanding—and it strengthens virtue.”

Washington, March 23.

I found no copy of this Register with a Washington imprint.

NEW BOOKS.

Just received by the sloop Highland, capt. Hand, from Philadelphia, and now opening at the store of Rapine, Conrad & Co. corner of south B street and New Jérsey, Avenue; a very handsome assortment of books, amongst which are,

De Valcourt, by Mrs. Bennett, author of Welch Heiress, Beggar Girl, &c. &c.

Nocturnal Visit, 2 vols. by Maria Regina Roche. author of Children of the Abbey, &c.

The Girl of the Mountains, 2 vols. by Mrs. Parsons, author of “Women as they are.”

Rash Vows; or the effects of enthusiasm, by Madame de Genlis.

The Farmer’s boy, a rural poem, by Robert Broomfield.

The life of Catherine the Second, Empress of Russia, 2 vols.

Dawin’s phytologia; or the philosophy of agriculture and gardening.

Also a general assortment of Law books, and miscellaneous history, stationary, writing and wrapping paper, &c. &c. which they will dispose of on the most reasonable terms.

N.B. Bookbinding in all its branches, with neatness and dispatch.

Washington May 15.

*National Intelligencer*, Washington, May 15, 1801.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

Opened this day (June 1,) first door west of President’s Square,  
on Pennsylvania Avenue.



Having proposed to open a circulating library in the city of Washington, on the first day of June, and having received a liberal share of encouragement, and being now so circumstanced that I can not conveniently carry that design into execution, I have relinquished the pursuit in favor of Richard Dinmore; in patronizing whom in this useful enterprise, my friends will confer an obligation on their humble servant,

JAMES LYON.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 20, 1801.

JAMES LYON, having contemplated the establishment of a circulating library in this city, and having subsequently relinquished the enterprise in my favor, I take the liberty of requesting the patronage of his subscribers, and the public in general, to an institution which I trust will prove equally instructive and entertaining to its patrons as beneficial to its proprietor.

R. DINMORE.

June 3, 1801.

From *National Intelligencer*, Washington, June 3, 1801.

JUST PUBLISHED

AND FOR SALE

BY RAPINE, CONRAD & Co.

Corner of South B street and New Jersey Avenue,  
near the Capitol.

Six introductory Lectures, to courses of Lectures, upon the Institutes and Practice of Medicine, delivered in the University of Pennsylvania—By Benjamin Rush, M.D., &c. Price 125 cents.

The Age of Revelation; or the Age of Reason, shewn to be an Age of Infidelity—By Elias Boudinot, L.L.D. and director of the Mint of the United States. Price 125 cents.

JANE TALBOT, a novel, by the author of Arthur Mervyn, &c. —Price 125 cents.

Also a general assortment of books on Science, Literature, and Amusement.

R. C. & co. Have on hand a quantity of printing paper, good quality; and a few kegs of Maxwell's first quality of printing ink, which will be sold cheap for cash.

Select Novels, vol. 4. will be ready to deliver to subscribers in a few days.

Feb. 12, 1802.

From *National Intelligencer*, Washington, Feb. 12, 1802.

THIS DAY IS PUBLISHED

BY

RAPINE, CONRAD & Co.

Corner of South B Street and New Jersey Avenue,  
a little south of the Capitol.

A DISSERTATION on the freedom of Navigation and Maritime Commerce, and such rights of states, relative thereto, as are founded on the Law of Nations, adapted more particularly to the United States; and interspersed with moral and political reflections, and historical facts; with an Appendix, containing sundry state papers—By William Barton, A.M., member of the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, and of the Royal Economic Society, Valencia, Spain—Price 2 dollars.

Physical Investigations, and Deductions, from Medical and Surgical Facts, relative to the causes, nature and remedies of the diseases of warm and vitiated atmosphere, from climate, local situation, or season of the year, together with an historical introduction to Physianthropy: or the experimental philosophy of human life; that of diseases, and also remedies—By William Barnwell, M.D. formerly surgeon in the employ of the honorable East India Company, London—Price 2 dollars.

March 24, 1802.

From Nat. Int. Washington, March 24, 1802.

The following are some of the most noteworthy productions for the period of 1802-1804 :

CURSORY REFLEXIONS  
ON  
GOVERNMENT, PHILOSOPHY, AND EDUCATION;  
BY JAMES OGILVIE,  
INSTRUCTOR OF YOUTH IN THE  
STEVENSBURG ACADEMY.

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ALEXANDRIA :  
PRINTED BY J. & J. D. WESTCOTT.  
1802.  
45 pp.  
16°.

THE GAMBLER,  
OR  
MEMOIRS  
OF  
A BRITISH OFFICER,  
DISTINGUISHED IN THE WAR OF THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION.  
THE SECOND EDITION.

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WASHINGTON CITY :  
PRINTED AT THE APOLLO PRESS,  
BY W. DUANE & SON.  
1802.  
94 pp.

AN ADDRESS  
TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
ON THE  
CESSION OF LOUISIANA  
TO THE FRENCH;  
AND ON THE  
LATE BREACH OF TREATY BY THE SPANIARDS:  
INCLUDING  
The Translation of a Memorial, on the War of St. Domingo, and Cession  
of the Mississippi to France,  
DRAWN UP  
BY A FRENCH COUNSELLOR OF STATE.  
(CHARLES BROCKDEN BROWN)

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Entered According to Act of Congress.

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PUBLISHED  
By John Conrad, & Co. No. 30, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia; M. and  
J. Conrad, & Co., No. 140, Market-street, Baltimore; and  
Rapine, Conrad, & Co. Washington City.

H. MAXWELL, PRINTER.

1803.

92 pp.

POLITICAL ECONOMY:  
FOUNDED IN JUSTICE AND HUMANITY  
IN A LETTER TO A FRIEND.

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By W. T.

WASHINGTON.

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1804

City of Washington:  
Printed by SAMUEL HARRISON SMITH.  
24 pp.

A plea for the emancipation of the black.

OBSERVATIONS  
ON THE  
INTENDED CANAL  
IN  
WASHINGTON CITY.

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CITY OF WASHINGTON,  
1804.  
24 pp.

The printing of public documents of course formed a large part of the productions of the press during this period. I have not attempted to mention them all, but note the following as being of special interest :

RULES  
AND  
ARTICLES FOR THE BETTER  
GOVERNMENT OF THE TROOPS OF  
THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON.

1800.

12°.

A Return of the whole number of persons in the several districts of the  
United States, by authority of act of Congress  
passed February 28, 1800.

PRINTED IN WASHINGTON BY WILLIAM DUANE & SON.

88 pp. 12°.

JOURNAL  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES,  
AT THE  
SECOND SESSION  
OF THE  
SIXTH CONGRESS;  
IN THE  
TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR.

CITY OF WASHINGTON:  
PRINTED BY WM. ROSS.  
[1800].

THIS DAY IS PUBLISHED  
BY  
SAMUEL H. SMITH, NEAR THE  
CAPITOL:  
"A MANUAL  
OF PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE  
FOR THE USE OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED  
STATES.  
BY THOMAS JEFFERSON.  
WASHINGTON, FEB. 27, 1801."

MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES,  
BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

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15th December, 1802.  
Read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the  
whole House of the state of the Union.

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WASHINGTON CITY :  
PRINTED AT THE APOLLO PRESS,  
BY W. DUANE & SON.

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1802.  
10 pp.

COMMUNICATION  
FROM THE  
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,  
TO THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE,  
APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE  
STATE OF THE TREASURY,  
IN ANSWER TO THE ENQUIRIES MADE  
BY THE  
COMMITTEE.

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WASHINGTON CITY :  
PRINTED BY WILLIAM DUANE.

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1802.  
32 pp.



MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES.  
TRANSMITTING A ROLL  
OF THE  
PERSONS HAVING OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT  
UNDER THE  
UNITED STATES.

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PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SENATE,  
FEBRUARY 16, 1802.

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WASHINGTON CITY :  
PRINTED BY WILLIAM DUANE.

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1802.

RETURN  
OF THE  
WHOLE NUMBER OF PERSONS  
WITHIN THE  
SEVERAL DISTRICTS  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES,  
ACCORDING TO  
“An Act providing for the enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United  
States;”  
Passed March the first, seventeen hundred and ninety-one.

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WASHINGTON CITY:  
PRINTED BY WILLIAM DUANE.

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1802.  
68 pp.

LETTERS  
FROM  
THOMAS PAINE  
TO THE  
CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM FRANCE.

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WASHINGTON CITY:  
PRINTED AT THE APOLLO PRESS,  
BY W. DUANE & SON.

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1802.  
32 pp.

RETURN  
OF THE  
WHOLE NUMBER OF PERSONS  
WITHIN THE  
SEVERAL DISTRICTS  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES:

According to  
“ An Act providing for the second census or enumeration of  
the inhabitants of the  
UNITED STATES,”  
Passed February the 28th, one thousand eight hundred

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WASHINGTON CITY:  
PRINTED AT THE APOLLO PRESS,  
BY WM. DUANE & SON.

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1802.  
32 pp.

HISTORY  
OF THE  
LAST SESSION  
OF  
CONGRESS  
Which commenced on the seventh of  
December, 1801.

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Taken from the  
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.

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1802.

CITY OF WASHINGTON :

PRINTED BY SAMUEL H. SMITH,

For John Conrad & Co. Philadelphia ; M. & J. Conrad & Co.  
Baltimore ; and Rapine, Conrad & Co. Washington City.

(196) pp.

The list which we have now considered is necessarily incomplete and further researches would undoubtedly add many titles ; but a sufficient number of works have been discovered to form a respectable body of literature as the production of the infant days of the capital.